

# October 2010

## My Favorite Tree

By Matthew Hilgart

My tree gives me air,  
It gives me fruit.  
It can make a fire or a home,  
It can also give me shade.  
It's big and bushy,  
It makes me paper.  
I can climb it,  
I can read by it.  
Birds nest in it,  
The leaves crackle and crunch.  
Deer eat the fruit if it falls,  
It can be a goal in soccer,  
It can be a goal post in football.  
It can be a goal in tag,  
I can hide behind it in a game of hide-and-seek,  
I can hang a tire swing from it.  
It gives me warmth in the winter,  
It makes part of the water cycle.  
It is called transpiration.  
But unfortunately it will not make me syrup,  
It does not grow nuts.  
Maybe you figured it out,  
It is the apple tree.

Park Falls Elementary School, Park Falls  
Honorable mention  
Teacher: Mrs. Virginia Luoma



Calendar Art by Sophie M. Lutzke • School: Elkhart Lake Glenbeulah, Elkhart Lake • Honorable Mention  
Teacher: Mr. Harrison

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 National Fire Prevention Week (Oct 3 - Oct 9)	4	5 Get ready for the first frost . . . it's coming soon!	6	7 What colors of leaves can you observe today?	8 Anniversary of the Peshtigo Fire (1871). This was the most devastating wildfire in North American history. It burned through 1.2 million acres and 16 towns.	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14 Frogs begin to burrow into mud for the winter.	15	16 Watch for woolly bear caterpillars. Some people think these caterpillars can predict winter weather based on the size of their stripes.
17 National Forest Products Week (Oct 17 – Oct 23)  Name five forest products that you use everyday.	18 Pumpkins ready for pies and jack-o-lanterns.	19	20 National Fruit Day – Name the fruits you like to eat that come from trees.	21 White-tailed deer begin rut. They'll continue rubbing and scraping trees through November.	22	23 Full (Hunter's) Moon
24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28	29 It's true! Sugar maple trees can live to be 250 years old.	30 Black bears begin to den.
31 Halloween  GreenWorks! Grants due for the fall funding cycle.						

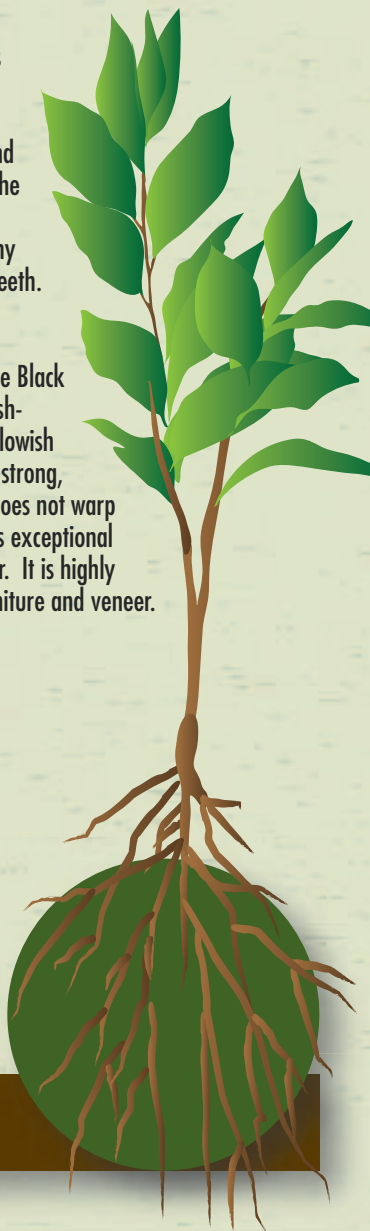
**Fruit**  
Black cherry fruit is a dull, purplish-black *drupe*. They are borne in long, hanging clusters, and each contains a single seed. They are edible but somewhat bitter and ripen in late summer.

## Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)

**Form**  
The Black cherry grows to a height of 50 to 70 feet and has a narrow to broadly rounded crown.

**Leaf**  
This cherry has simple, oval leaves that are shiny above and paler below. The leaf edges are broken by many fine incurved teeth.

**Wood**  
The wood of the Black cherry is reddish-brown with yellowish sapwood. It is strong, fine-grained, does not warp or split and has exceptional luster and color. It is highly valued for furniture and veneer.



Tree Planting for Climate Change: <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/polarbear/>